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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (*a*) Rs. 21,630–3–0.

(*b*) No, Sir.

(*c*) Does not arise.

SRI O. KORAN : In other districts the Government are spending a large amount on acquisition of land and construction of houses for Harijans. In view of this, will the Government be pleased to enhance the amount for grant of scholarships to Harijans in Malabar?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : We expect a grant from the Government of India. When that grant is received, we shall consider the question of enhancing the amount.

Higher studies of Harijan students

* 2537 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation from Sri A. Ratnam, M.L.A., was received by the Government on 11th January 1955 requesting the Government to start a scheme providing for State aid and grant of loan to Harijan students for higher studies and for studies abroad ;

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken by the Government ; and

(*c*) what are the facilities, aid and loan extended to the Christian and Muslim organizations which are having similar schemes for the benefit of their students?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The matter raised therein can be considered only if details of the organization proposed to be started are given and the nature of the help required by Government is indicated.

(*c*) The Government are not financing any organization founded for providing higher education among Muslims and Christians.

National Extension Service in Malabar

* 2538 *Q.*—SRI M. K. PADMAPRABHA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Wynaad taluk in Malabar district has been included in the National Extension Service in the light of G.O No. 1090, dated 30th March 1955, and if so, when ; and

(*b*) the schemes proposed and investigated?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Wynaad taluk has not yet been included under the National Extension Service. It has to wait for its turn. It has since been ordered in G.O. Ms. No. 1331, Public (Planning and Development), dated 21st April 1955, that the village and district plans should be prepared in the

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district of Malabar also in the light of the instructions issued in G.O. Ms. No. 1090, Public (Planning and Development), dated 30th August 1955.

(b) Does not arise.

* 2539 Q.—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the blocks selected for National Extension Service in Malabar during 1955; and

(b) the blocks that are converted to Community Development Blocks in Malabar?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Tellicherry firka excluding the Tellicherry Municipality.

(b) Kuthuparamba Block comprising Kuthuparamba and Mattanur firkas.

Political activities of certain teachers

* 2540 Q.—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether any action was taken against the eight aided school teachers of Valluvanad taluk for alleged political activities in connection with the eleventh annual conference of the Valluvanad Aided School Teachers' Union held in February last and inaugurated by the District Educational Officer, South Malabar; and

(b) if so, whether they were given a chance to prove their innocence?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Do the Government consider taking part in educational conferences, especially those inaugurated or presided over by educational authorities, as taking part in political activities?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : My answer to clause (a) is 'No' and to (b) 'Does not arise'.

***Recommendation of the International Labour Conference** re equal pay for equal work*

* 2541 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have received any recommendation from the International Labour Conference regarding equal pay for equal work for men and women?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir.